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1. On November 20, 1954, a cargo of eight barrels of antimony was loaded on board the LOCH RYAN at Warehouse 75 in Hamburg harbor. The shipment was destined for San Francisco, California.
2. The eight barrels of antimony had arrived in Hamburg on 5 November 1954 from Czechoslovakia, on board the freighter LUDMILA of the Czechoslovak Elbe-Oder Navigation National Enterprise, and were stored in Warehouse 41, which is controlled by this company. After that, the firm of Eberhard Clemens in Hamburg, which is controlled by, and acts as agent for the Metrans corporation of Prague, instructed Warehouse 41 to remove from the barrels all labels indicating Czechoslovakia as the country of origin of the merchandise, and to substitute labels bearing the inscription "Made in Belgium".
3. In the past there have been repeated instances where labels denoting Czechoslovak origin have been removed from barrels of antimony, but this is the first time that there has been a deliberate falsification of origin by the affixing of false labels.

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